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Title: System and Method for
Historical Database
Training of Support Vector
Machines

Examiner: Alam, Shahid Al
Group/Art Unit: 2172
Atty. Dkt. No: 5650-02200

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 30, 2004, Applicant elects the subcombination best illustrated by Group II, as characterized by the Examiner (henceforth "subcombination II").

Please amend the case as follows: